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A camera comprising:

- an imaging part for capturing an image of a subject;
- a selector for selecting one of a recording mode and a reproducing mode;
- a recording part for recording the image captured by the imaging part on a recording medium upon receiving a command to record in the recording mode;
- a reproducing part for reproducing an image from the recording medium in the reproducing mode;
- a monitor for displaying an image; and
- a display controller for controlling the monitor to display the image captured by the imaging part on a first area on the monitor in the recording mode, and to display the image reproduced from the recording medium on a second area on the monitor in the reproducing mode, the first area being smaller than the second area.

2. The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

- a grip to be held by a hand of an operator in the recording mode, the grip being arranged at a front of a body of the camera;

- wherein the monitor is arranged at a back of the body of the camera and extends to a part opposite to the grip.

3. The camera as defined in claim 2, wherein the monitor is arranged such that none of the first area and a part of the second area are covered with the hand of the operator holding the camera by the grip in the recording mode.

4. The camera as defined in claim 1, wherein the monitor is arranged on a body of the camera such that none of the first area and a part of the second area

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are covered with a hand of an operator holding the body to operate the camera in the recording mode.

5. The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a touch panel arranged over the monitor;

wherein, in the recording mode, the display controller determines an area on the monitor covered with a hand of an operator by the touch panel and bounds the first area on the monitor such that the first area excludes the covered area.

6. The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a touch panel arranged over the monitor;

wherein an operational button is displayed on an area other than the first area on the monitor in the recording mode, so that the monitor and the touch panel serve as a camera operation part.

7. The camera as defined in claim 6, wherein the operational button comprises at least one of a zoom operation button and an exposure correcting button.

8. The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

a touch panel arranged over the monitor;

wherein at least one of an operational button for instructing the image reproduced on the monitor to be switched on a frame-by-frame basis in an order, an operational button for instructing the image reproduced on the monitor to be switched on a frame-by-frame basis in a reverse order, an operational button for instructing the image reproduced on the monitor to be enlarged, and an operational button for instructing the image reproduced on the monitor to be reduced, is displayed on the monitor in the reproducing mode.

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9. The camera as defined in claim 1, wherein the monitor comprises a liquid crystal display.

10. A camera comprising:

an imaging part for capturing an image of a subject;

a monitor for displaying the image captured by the imaging part;

a touch panel arranged over the monitor; and

a display controller for determining, by the touch panel, an area on the monitor hidden by a matter touching the touch panel, and controlling the monitor to display the image on an area on the monitor excluding the hidden area.

11. The camera as defined in claim 10, further comprising:

a grip to be held by a hand of an operator, the grip being arranged at a front of a body of the camera;

wherein the monitor is arranged at a back of the body of the camera and extends to a part opposite to the grip.

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